

North Florida Poetry Hub Chapter - Minutes

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, Zoom platform

Date: August 27, 2022

Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Ruth Van Alstine, Chris Kastle, Suzanne Austin-Hill, Howard Moon, Sharlyn Page, Sipra Roy, Sharon Scholl, Pat Kraus

Agenda items

Minutes from July meeting were approved and accepted as written by attending members. (Sharon Scholl motioned to accept the minutes and Chris Kastle seconded the motion).

Old Business Reviewed, see Meeting Agenda.

100K Poets for Change Open Mic Event - We do have some items that need to be addressed for the event.

- It would be helpful to have a members RSVP list
- We require people to come at 1 pm and help set-up/break down chairs and tables
- If several people bring some small water bottles that would be great - please contact Ruth to let her know who is bringing water. We will need about 4-6 people who will bring a small quantity (depending on how many they bring) We aren't having any other type of refreshments, water only.
- We will need a few 6-8-foot white tablecloths
- If anyone has a poster easel we could use one (or two).
- There may be more requirements as time gets closer. Thank you everyone for your assistance.

New Business:

1. **REVIEW NFPH WEBSITE UPDATES:** Many updates have been made on the website. Ruth requested that members visit and review their bio's and also the rest of the website to see the changes and look for anything that needed to be changed or corrected. Personal bio's should be reviewed for updates or new members submit bio's and a headshot for inclusion on the site.
2. **CONSIDER CANCELLING SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING:** Members in attendance discussed whether we could cancel the September meeting due to all the activity occurring during September with the 100K Poets for Change activities. A discussion was had, and review of the chapter planning calendar and it was pointed out that the October meeting would have a longer agenda with more action items to be taken care of. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion, therefore the September Chapter meeting is cancelled.
3. After the discussion in reference to cancelling the September Chapter meeting it was discussed the need to form a First Coast Poetry Showcase Planning Committee during the months of October to begin finding a venue for the Showcase, as it has been determined the library isn't a viable location due to the fact that we won't be able to sell books.

Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
The Poet's Pen	Ruth Van Alstine / Poets who are involved in their Poet's Pen volumes	None	Ruth Van Alstine working with Cynthia & Diane. Anyone else interested contact Ruth
NFPH/FSPA Bookmarks	Ruth Van Alstine/members	On-going	Being distributed and is on-going - contact Ruth for more bookmarks
"Create-Submit-Celebrate"	Enrolled Participants	Enrollment closed.	Active - Contact Ruth Van Alstine with any questions and to submit monthly totals.
Calling for new projects new committee "Future Projects Committee"	Members: Sally Constain, Ruth Van Alstine, Diane Rabideau-Wise, Paula Babadi	On-going	Contact Ruth Van Alstine with your ideas or if you would like to join Committee
100 Thousand Poets for Change	Ruth Van Alstine, All Members	Event in September	Virtual/live Open Mics, Library children's readings (read-a-poem), Open Mic/Art Gallery Show, Poetry/music/Art videos
Chapter Website Member Bios	All Members	Due ASPA	Website has been updated. Please check bios/send changes to Ruth. It was also encouraged to submit feedback and testimonials.
First Coast Poetry Showcase	All Members	October	Form Planning Committee We need at least 3 members to begin work to secure a location/more details come Nov/Dec for an event in March

After the business meeting we shared the new "**Member Publishing Update**" stories from the "Create-Submit-Celebrate" program.

Writing Prompt: Theme 100 Thousand Poets for Change promoting peace, sustainability, and justice and/or expressions to call for serious social, environmental, and political change. Poetry share following.

Next Chapter meeting October 29th, 2022 at 2 pm, to be followed by Halloween Spooky Open Mic at 3-4 PM.



North Florida Poetry Hub is sponsored by Hope-At-Hand, a local non-profit organization providing art and poetry therapy sessions to vulnerable and at-risk youth populations to facilitate healing and personal growth for children and adolescents in the Northeast Florida area.

